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Applicant provided a reply and amendment in response to a Final Action on August 22, 2006. In an Advisory Action dated August 30, 2006, Examiner indicated that the amendment changed the claim scope such that further search and consideration is required. The Action indicated that the amendment was not entered.

Applicant herein requests continued examination of this application. Applicant first requests that the amendment submitted on August 22, 2006 be entered into the record. Applicant then further requests that the present amendments be entered. The amendments presented in this paper are provided with notations showing changes to the claims after entry of the amendment of August 22, 2006.

In the Actions of August 30 and June 22, 2006, Examiner indicated that cancelled old claim 9 and 18 would have been allowable if re-written in independent form. In the amendment of August 22, 2006, Applicant amended claim 1 to include features of now cancelled claims 3 and 9. Applicant herein further amends claim 1 to include other features of intervening claims to now cancelled claim 9. Similarly, claim 12 is now further amended to include features of claim 18 and its intervening claims. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1 and 12, and all claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Applicant further submits herein new claims 28-36. Exemplary support for such claims is found in Figures 1, 3, 5 and 7, and in paragraphs [0034] to [0054], [0071] and [0090] of the description in Applicant's application published as US 2003/0118026.

New claim 36 is similar to old claim 1 presented in the amendment of August 22, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of Applicant's remarks of August 22, 2006 in examination of claims 24 and 25 presented on August 22, 2006 and new claims 28-36 presented herein.

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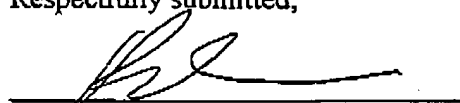
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No new subject matter is provided with the present amendments. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss this case further, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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